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People's Platform Brash Ruark Challenged By Yankee-Irish Brat

Charlotte Editors, The News: This is a scathing reply to Robert Ruark's article...

night and whisper, 'God bless mother and daddy and keep me a good boy or girl'...

are and don't care. They are very well familiar with lock 'n' roll...

how to get the money to pay our taxes: a system of getting all the sales tax that rightfully belongs to the state.

Collect a school tax from every individual between the ages of 21 to 50 years.

that go in by the aid of a machine and money? -S. C. VAUGHN

'One-Race-One-Blood' Means Amalgamation Pittsboro Editors, The News: THIS is the season when we are asked for this and that...

Council Must Justify Its Majority Rule

CITY COUNCIL has properly defended the statutory status quo in its relations with the City-Council Planning Commission.

There is no compelling reason to require a two-thirds vote of the elected Council in order to overturn a decision of the appointive planning commission.

This is unfortunate because recognition and accommodation of the involvements might produce some fruitful results without sacrificing the principle of majority rule by an elected body.

Under no circumstances, said Mayor Van Every, do I think the City Council should give its rights away to any committee, and if it has to abide by what a committee does the people have no recourse.

The principle is right, but it is weakened by the fact that the people cannot always "vote us out." The people in the perimeter area have no recourse against Council. They have representation—and that indirect—only on the planning commission.

Thus Sen. Bell argues with some logic that in perimeter zoning at least the commission's decision should have more weight than Council's. This point unfortunately, was glossed over in Council's discussion of the Bell proposal.

It cannot be said either that annexation will remove this flaw in Council's position. Only one third of the perimeter is proposed for annexation.

There were any number of worthy candidates for the seat. But the selection of Mrs. Howerton is particularly commendable.

It is perhaps just as well that the subject of a successor to Stan Cropley stirred so much discussion. As a result, more than ordinary care went into the business of sifting and scrutinizing the qualifications and aptitudes of prospective appointees.

Mrs. Howerton an active career woman, is well-equipped for her new duties. As principal of Ashley Park School, she has already demonstrated an enlightened interest in community problems.

Furthermore, Mrs. Howerton has not neglected her home work on the specific problem of meeting the recreation needs

schools will lose approximately half of their present pupils.

It is the study committee's conclusion that a common school system for all of Mecklenburg County would have completely eliminated all the problems encountered in our study.

Thus, the case for consolidation becomes even more convincing. The interdependence of metropolitan Charlotte and the county requires educational uniformity. The time has come to provide it.

There are three county schools closely adjacent to the proposed line. These

From The Reporter PROBING DEVICE

THE Optical Society of America has recently described an instrument that will help astronomers see through the interstellar dust clouds which obscure the center of the Milky Way.

able to override the representative body by a simple majority.

Sen. Bell's proposal, although it appears as a specific for the problem, also has a serious flaw. The purpose of the planning and zoning statute is to shape growth without distinction as to city and county areas.

I think your article unfair and prejudiced and here is my comment: I was raised (and although I was not blessed or fortunate to be a mother and a father and a son and a nephew, who number seven, are being raised in the same manner, not by a razor cut but by the good, old-fashioned weapon at the palm or back of mother or father's hand.

Through a martini haze my mother or father has never gazed at me with a look of contempt. Perhaps the circle in which you travel is accustomed to such a haze. Ours isn't. That depends upon but not in and not in our home. We were taught temperance at home and in society as the good Lord meant it to be.

Not to shun it like the devil itself but to consume it in moderation at a proper time and place. Not to have to sit in a car and drink until the bottle is empty (from paper cups) because of a relationship with my adult parents, our party was over and to bed we went and stayed, unless sick. Not to be brought out as a monomaniacal guest because "mom" was so typically southernly to spend a few minutes and a couple of dollars on a bottle of water or persuade us with the flat palm that bed was where we were staying.

We were taught a cocktail before dinner in a public restaurant was good for your health. Not whisky sneaked out of a paper bag from under the table from a paper napkin.

And, incidentally, part of the profit from that cocktail defrayed York, Pa. State's debt by making the payment of same to its residents an obligation, not a year-round burden like Carolina.

Roam amid highbals and cigarette smoke we never did. When adults were coming for an evening of relaxation with my adult parents, our party was over and to bed we went and stayed, unless sick. Not to be brought out as a monomaniacal guest because "mom" was so typically southernly to spend a few minutes and a couple of dollars on a bottle of water or persuade us with the flat palm that bed was where we were staying.

As for Mother doing a handstand at 2 a.m., I'm sure after caring for nine children and a husband without the assistance of a colored mammy, she was too tired after entertaining and feeding her children, and being unheard of below the Mason-Dixon line.

Up North the food, and I mean plain old Yankee food, come out at midnight—things like baked ham, baked beans, potato salad, sandwiches with meat in between by the bread, even just baked eggs and toast—not canapes and cocktail saucers.

As we don't neck in the garden, ha! We don't have gardens. There is just one tree in Brooklyn, remember! And, besides that, it's too damned cold.

And, furthermore, your southern gentlemen age too busy being a husband without your beloved Europe and fighting her wars as we have for decades.

Some years ago I recall that the city fathers proposed an amusement design in an ancient Oxford University, and to a myriad other pleasant associations with a country grateful to a soldier.

He can look back to the summer of 1944 when he lived in a pleasant headquarter camp outside London and spent long hours planning the invasion of Normandy.

He can look back, too, to the crowds in the streets of London giving him a hero's welcome as he came back from the wars and his high school days in a GI's glimpse of the man who ran the Nazis out of Europe—standing on the Guildhall balcony, heralding, uncomprehendingly, Winston Churchill, promising that the United States and England would build peace together, forever...

Pleasant Trips And he can look back to pleasant trips to Scotland for grouse shooting after the war when he was stationed in Germany.

Slippers And Robe Didn't come out in the White House with the Truman's the way Churchill had clumped up and down White House up stairs corridors in his bedroom slippers, his crimson and gold trim half-dressed around his nude and cherubic torso...

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Enforce the laws we have. Have men of the highest degree of character, integrity and honesty to enforce them.

Pass a law prohibiting the sale of any motor vehicle in the state that will travel faster than a certain speed prescribed by law.

Pass a law that all auto mechanics must undergo an examination to get a license to work on any vehicle that travels on the highways.

Pass a law that all owners of vehicles that travel on the highways must have insurance before they can get their license plates.

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These men do not seek office because they are too honest to pay more to get in than they would get out from the term in office.

Why, then, don't we, the people, put these men in office on their record instead of the ones who are in?

Now, the proof of any pudding is in the eating. What have we to show for our one-race-one-blood doctrine. It has been applied without let or hindrance to the south of us. There we have an inferior human product, and I do not believe I am untruthful or sacrilegious when I say the devil would not have it if he could avoid it.

There may be some rare bird that exists in the barefaced of its wishes to do just that. The white racial renegade is the only creature that I now know of who wishes to do just that.

I recognize that the Negro has rights that deserve honor and respect. I exult in the fact that I have financed two Negro girls and one Negro boy through college. He has the right to grow up in the sun and to participate in our government and to make out of himself what he wishes to do without artificial restrictions. If the NAACP would eschew all claim to racial amalgamation, indeed join in the fight for Negro rights in the sun, I would join in spirit and contribute to its treasury.

The foregoing is the only moderate and sensible approach to the problem. What the NAACP and the NAACP are now doing is a veritable crime against humanity and the laws of God.

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Parks Must Be Protected

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Ups And Downs Of Ike & The British

So with Ike about to enter the White House, Churchill expected the cozy relations of war days to resume. He was so eager that he insisted on coming to see Ike two weeks before he was sworn in as President.

Strain To Talk The new President-elect was cordial, but the relationship was different from those halcyon days. Indeed, it such a measure is passed, I would like to know what incentive remains to induce the generous-minded to ever give another cent or foot of land for a public park and playground for youths.

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The Children Must Have Places To Play